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SUBJECT: PENANG DRUG ABUSE WORKSHOP, APRIL 22-28

REFS: (A) COLOMBO 1358 (B) COLOMBO 997
(C) KUALA LUMPUR 2455

1. NIDA HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS NOT ABLE TO
FUND PARTICIPATION OF US DRUG ABUSE EXPERTS AT WORKSHOP
IN PENANG AS SUGGESTED REF A. CONSULTANTS NAMED REF B
HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND REPORT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO
FUND TRAVEL THEMSELVES.

2. PLEASE INFORM COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU OF ABOVE INFORMATION
AND SUGGEST THAT FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO HAVE SEVERAL MONTHS WARNING WHEN USG SUPPORT WILL BE
NEEDED TO ENABLE PARTICIPATION BY AMERICAN EXPERTS.
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THE DEPARTMENT FAVORS AND HAS SUPPORTED PARTICIPATION BY
US EXPERTS AT SIMILAR REGIONAL MEETINGS IN THE PAST
SINCE THEY FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THE
DEMAND REDUCTION AREA. HOWEVER, ELEVENTH HOUR REQUESTS
MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US CONSULTANTS TO BE ADEQUATELY
PREPARED, THEREBY REDUCING THE IMPACT OF THEIR PARTICI-
PATION.

3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: WE SUGGEST THAT THE EMBASSY SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE PENANG CONFERENCE AS SUGGESTED REF C. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE OBTAIN COPIES OF PAPERS PRESENTED AND FORWARD THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT. OUR INFORMATION ON THE WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO THAT PROVIDED REFS A AND B. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DR. NAVARATNAM AT UNIVERSITY OF SAINS, PENANG, SINCE WE PRESUME HE IS INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR WORKSHOP.

4. FOR COLOMBO: SUGGEST YOU TRANSMIT REF B TO KUALA LUMPUR. COOPER

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